

Feature of the Week

We are delighted to introduce the following book by Revd. Steve Tash, mental health chaplain with University Hospital Trust Coventry and Warwickshire and a member of Alcester Minster Churches.

Faith in Mind

An introduction to Christian Faith for those struggling with mental ill health.

Faith in Mind is a collection of bible readings for those struggling with mental ill health. The readings are an introduction to Christian faith, pointing to Jesus the bringer of light into darkness and hope for the hopeless. Steve Tash, who has suffered himself, looks at how the bible can be relevant to mental health. Some bible verses seem to describe the sinking tangle of mental illness and answer it with the rock of God's enduring love across the ages. There is encouragement to carry on despite the pain and to find in Jesus, life, peace and freedom.

The book is available from Gilead Publishing [see link below], Eden Publishing and from Amazon, including a Kindle edition.

This is a book, full of compassion and wisdom, for those struggling with mental health. It is also an introduction to the Christian faith. The author has himself experienced times of deep darkness and struggle in his own life, which gives the writing an authenticity and a gentle conviction. Today, thank God, mental illness is coming out of the closet of shame and is recognised as something many, if not most of us, will experience at some stage in our life. This book is both timely and deeply human, the work of a wounded healer who has faith in the one by whose wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53.5) Suffused with Christian love for those in a place of darkness and struggle, it offers both hope and solidarity. It is enhanced by the fine drawings of the author's daughter, Anna.

The Rt Revd John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick

https://www.gileadbookspublishing.com/store/p94/Faith_In_Mind



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 20 September 2020

Trinity 15 Green

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20 v 16

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 20 September Trinity 14 *Green*

Alcester 10.00 am Minster Holy Communion
 Great Alne 10.00 am Harvest Morning Worship
 Weethley 4.00 pm Harvest Holy Communion

Tuesday 22 September

Alcester 10.30 am Funeral
 Via Zoom Platform 12 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

Sunday 27 September Trinity 15 *Green*

Alcester 10.00 am Morning Prayer
 Coughton 10.00 am Harvest Holy Communion
 Alcester 3.00 pm *NO Baptism arranged*

Please remember to reserve a place at ALL Minster services by contacting the Administrator via email or telephone by Friday noon on the Friday before the service.

NOTICES

Suggested food gifts for Arden Foodbank

Fruit juice [Long Life], Milk full cream [Long Life], rice pudding, custard [tins, cartons or packets], potatoes [tins or packets of instant mash], cold meats, fish. *Please note: the foodbank does not have refrigeration for storage.*

'Zoom Prayer Gatherings' each Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

If you have not previously taken part and wish to in the future, please email the Administrator to receive your invitation to join these Prayer Gatherings. *The Administrator can also send you instructions on how to access Zoom if this is new to you.*

Minster Churches Open for Private Prayer

Church	Day	Open from	closed
Kinwarton	Tuesday & Friday	10.00 am	3.00 pm
Great Alne	Wednesday	9.00 am	4.00 pm
Sambourne	Wednesday	10.00 am	12 noon
Alcester	Wednesday & Saturday	10.00 am	3.00 pm
Haselor	Wednesday	10.00 am	5.00 pm
Arrow	Saturday	10.00 am	1.00 pm
Weethley	Saturday	10.00 am	6.00 pm

Please note: Churches may not be able to open due to a funeral.

Readings for the week

Today Jonah 3 v 10 – 4 v 11
 Matthew 20 v 1 – 16
 Monday 2 Timothy 3 v 14 – 17
 Tuesday Acts 16 v 25 – 40
 Wednesday Acts 17 v 1 – 15
 Thursday Acts 17 v 16 – 34
 Friday Acts 18 v 1 – 21
 Saturday Acts 18 v 22 – 19 v 7

Harvest Readings for 2020

2 Corinthians 9 v 6 - 16
 Luke 12 v 16 – 30 or Luke 17 v 11 - 19



Prayer

The Ministry Leadership Team would like you to pray for the following topics:

1. *Pray for all countries struggling with the pandemic, especially those who are also suffering from wars, natural disasters or famine and have fractured health services.*
2. *Give thanks for our own health service, and all those working to control the pandemic in this country. Pray that God may guide all those working on a vaccine and/or a cure.*

It is with sadness we must inform you that Canon John Cooke who lived in Alcester, has passed away.

Contact Tricia Berry (01789 509 278 or 07840 284 294 or administrator@alcesterminster.org) by 6 pm on Tuesday to add notices of church activities to next week's notice sheet

Check out the website calendar for further details on events/services coming up



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